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TO BE NOTED....

April 8th: To commemorate Submarine Day, the U.S.S. Becuna will be on the air from Philadelphia. Callsign used will be that of the operator on duty. Freqs are: ssb-7235, 14285, 21360, and 28600; cw- 7050, 14050, 21090, 28150, and Novice. You can obtain a cert for the contact w/ SASE to "ORAC" Box 928, Phila. Pa 19105.

STARTING APRIL 4th: R.A.E.-sponsored Novice and Tech/General classes at VOTECH. See K1PLR or WA3HJC for details.

April 27-29th: DAYTON HAMFEST. Need I say more???

EDITORIAL...de K1Possibly Libelous Remarks

OK, Sportsfans. Issue #3. Thanks for your support. Please remember the April Meeting at Red Cross on April 5th. Most important as By-Law revisions will be discussed. I have been asked to include these in this month's issue. So read and bring with!

Our President, KB3A is, in essence, my guest this month with some comments. Thanks, Chris for giving me a break.

Next month, I plan to do some construction articles. KB3MI has already given me a good project for you all. Oh, by the way, the Phantom is on vacation this month. He had planned on going South to seek the Fort Pierce Connection. Won't he be surprised when he finds out most of them are QSYing back here!

See YOU at this important meeting! 73

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THE JUNKIE BOX

FOR SALE - TRAC Grid-Block Keyer. \$20.
Call Butch, KB3MI 895-4242

FOR SALE - HEATKIT Continuing Education Books: A.C., D.C. Electronics w/tapes and Semiconductor Devices. Call W3STK, 864-9940

FOR SALE - YAESU FTDX 560 80-10M Xcvr, \$275. Also CES Model 300 TTP, \$20. Call Terry, WA3LTB 774-4997

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THE CLUB PRESIDENT

If he begins on time: He is a tyrant.
If he waits for latecomers: He is too tolerant.
If he assumes the spokesman role: He becomes a bore.
If he yields: He becomes unnecessary.
If he calls for silence: It is an abuse of his power.
If he permits disorder: He fails in authority.
If he is firm: He takes himself too seriously.
If he is good natured: He does not maintain his rank.
If he expounds his own ideas: People are perforce against him.
If he asks for a choice: He is irresolute.
If he is dynamic: He is worked up.
If he remains cautious: He is inefficient.
If he does everything on his own: He is concealed.
If he delegates: He is lazy.

(From Linear Lines, via ARNS)

(Tnx, KA3GXP es "FLORIDA SKIP")

DE KB3A.....

It seems funny, since I appointed Harry to be the Editor of QUA-RAE, we've had two, count 'em, two consecutive newsletters. Harry is really on the right track and I feel we will have a first rate newsletter in a couple of month, but it cannot happen without your help. Everyone should make an effort to support the QUA-RAE, it's our communication line to all of the members and I am sure input from all areas of Amateur Radio will be appreciated.

I hope everyone will forgive me from my own lack of input into QUA-RAE. My schedule was very busy with my job and an exam in the class I am taking at Edinboro. Maybe I'm too busy, so I've been told, since my job demands 50+ hours per week and returning to college, how can anyone serve as President of a club? But I am trying! You can imagine that my free time is very valuable to me and normally a person would spend it with family. My involvement with R.A.E. for the past five years has been diverse: from Secretary to Field Day Chairman, to contest Chairman which led to two championships in the PA QSO Party. During the past five years, my wife has been very understanding and my son has lived radio since his birth. Unfortunately, many times than not, they have taken a back seat to R.A.E. activities. Well, there is the possibility that my son might be the first Ham at 3 years old only because it's the only way he can reach his Dad.

After all this, I've been told that I am not a big supporter of 2 Meters and that I am not doing my part for the club. The R.A.E. has spent over \$2800 for the upgrade of our repeater system in Erie. That is more than was

spent for repeaters in the last three years. Money for the new controller came from the grant given to us by the Blakes (who were never formally thanked until Feb. 1st by me) has funded the Repeater Committee's ideas. The Grant Committee formed to allocate money was totally blown out of the water and made fools of, since I was Chairman of the Committee. I made a point to schedule a meeting of various groups in the Club to get a fair evaluation of the needs to use the grant to benefit all members, but come meeting time, the Repeater Committee decided to handle the grant in its own way. I was surprised as everyone how we could afford a new controller, but since this is the wish of the membership, I will abide by that vote.

At the March meeting, we had the pleasure of having Doug Maddox, W3HDH from State College to present the club a trophy for the PA QSO Party and individual awards to KJ3L & K3TUP. Doug enjoyed the warm reception and I wish to thank everyone for making him feel welcome. The only damper was the weather, which discouraged many from attending the meeting. I only hope we can have a better showing for the April meeting, since we plan to have Dave Bell from the National Weather Service on hand.

One activity I'd like to see get off the ground is a station set up on the flagship Niagara. This is an activity involving both HF and VHF and will dispell the myth that we are just a 2 M club.

Well, I strained your eyes long enough for one QUA-RAE. I hope everyone can get involved with the club in one form or another in 1984.

Chris Robson KB3A
President, R.A.E.

Note: Opinions expressed here are not necessarily those of the Editor, although the Niagara is



TAKE A SECOND AND READ THE MINUTES* de KA3IXW, Secretary R.A.E.

Chris Robson, KB3A was presented with the Grand Trophy for the PA QSO Party on behalf of the Club. KJ3L and K3TUP also received individual awards.

Reports were given by the Repeater, Contest, and Education Committees.

A motion was made for a paid life membership in the club. The Treasurer was authorized to begin accepting life memberships at \$75 per person.

KA3CPO won the Robot for the month and WB3KKT was alternate.

* Full Minutes are read by Jim Ferguson at each monthly meeting. They are excerpted by the Editor due to space constraints. Yoy want the full dope? Come to the meeting! -H.A.

HOW CAN I HELP THE R.A.E.?

Well, for one thing, you can attend and PARTICIPATE in monthly meetings. What else? Try the following:

- 1) Join the ARRL
- 2) If not, keep up to date with some Amateur publication.
- 3) Take part in a Committee. Help teach a course, go climb the repeater tower, suggest a worthwhile committee.
- 4) Contests: Where were you on Field Day or the PA QSO Party? (How 'bout the NIAGARA, guys???)
- 5) Pay your dues. Don't expect something for nothing.
- 6) Gripes? Speak up to those involved or responsible. Don't grouse about it.
- 7) ARES, Public Service, the Sunday Nets. Make the time!

Tnx, Harry, K1PLR/3